

May

Ministry Update

A look at upcoming events and VBC Family news!



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elder update

Think fast – what is our **purpose** as a church? Why has God placed Village Bible Church in Aurora, Sugar Grove and Indian Creek? What is our primary **calling** through which everything else funnels and through which our “success” is to be measured? The old adage that goes something like this, “If you don’t set a goal, or a mark, you’ll miss it every time,” is true.

Village Bible Church desires to be a family of growing believers committed to **glorifying God** by reaching our world with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hopefully this sounds familiar, as it is the official vision statement – the everyday commission - of our church. It is our hope and desire that as a church we would be a family that cares for each other and together strives, above all, to **bring glory to God**. One way we do this is by

sharing the life-changing truth of Jesus Christ with the world.

Sharing the truth of Jesus takes many different shapes and can happen every day.

Summertime does, however, provide some unique opportunities through **mission trips, sports camps** and **Vacation Bible School**.

This year, Lord willing, we will have 40-50 people participating in mission trips and over 150 people sharing Christ with the **500+ children** who will attend Vacation Bible School at one of our three locations - and the majority of these children are not part of our church family. As you read about some of these opportunities, we hope that you will not just read and then forget, but that you will take part by (1) **praying** regularly for the preparation and the actual ministry, (2) **servicing** by investing your own time and energy, and (3) **giving** of your financial resources.

We are excited to see how God will grow us and use us this summer. These are indeed encouraging times!

Your elder team,
Al Gonnerman, Mario Arindaeng, Tim Badal, Scott Capp, Keith Duff, and Jon Pilkington



Memorial Day Picnic

Again this year, **all of our campuses will come together** to celebrate Memorial Day together in the big city of Waterman! It's only about 20 minutes west of Sugar Grove, and the place we've reserved has a great **park**, a **playground** for the kids, a **skate park**, **baseball** fields and a 1/3-scale **miniature train** that will be available for kids (big and small) to ride for **free**. Bring your softball bat and glove, Frisbee, skateboard and two side dishes to pass.



Waterman Lions Community Park

420 S. Birch, Waterman, IL 60556
(20 minutes west of Sugar Grove on Rt 30)

Monday, May 31

Starting time is 12:00 noon
Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Please bring two side dishes to pass, drinks for your family and a blanket or lawn chairs.

5B's meat and table service provided.

The Waterman and Western Railroad is a half-mile, 15" gauge (1/3-scale) miniature train.

Take a ride – free for kids of all ages.



WILL YOU PRAY?

Are you interested in a spiritual and physical challenge? On Thursday, May 6th, several area churches will be walking and praying across the entire city of Aurora, from Orchard Road to Route 59 (approximately nine miles). Would you consider investing your day in prayer as we cry out to God for our cities? We'll be beginning at 9:30am and ending at approximately 6:15pm. In the middle we'll

be having a brief service and lunch at River' Edge Cafe around 12:45 pm. If you're only able to join us for half the day, consider starting off with us at 9:30 and walking through Aurora and joining us for lunch.

If you're interested in joining us, please call the church office or email scott.capp@villagebible.org

**PRAYER
CHANGES THINGS!**



VBC EVENING PRAYER SERVICE:

Join us at 7:00 pm at the Sugar Grove Campus, Room 100, for a time of praying for our families, our church, our schools, our government, businesses and the media.



This year we will be spending **VBS** on "Saddle Ridge Ranch"

Aurora/Grace Campus

Indian Creek Campus

Sugar Grove Campus

June

21 -25

6:30 - 8:30 pm

July

13 -15

9 am - 12 pm

August

2 -5

9 am - 12 pm

"Saddle Ridge Ranch" will be a place where your kids will learn valuable truths about Jesus Christ while having FUN!!

To register your child for VBS, go to www.villagebible.org/vbs.

Sports Camps! June 14-16

For middle school students
(entering 6th - entering 9th)
**BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL
CAMPS**



Volleyball 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Basketball 3:30 - 5:30 PM

For elementary students
(entering 3rd - entering 5th)
BASKETBALL CAMP



Basketball 1:30 - 3:30 PM

@ Location: Village Bible Church, 847 N. State Route 47, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

? For more INFO: see www.villagebible.org/sportscamp
or call Mario Arindaeng at 630-466-7198

\$ Cost: \$15 per child, \$30 (2 siblings), \$40 (3 siblings), \$50 (4 siblings)

To register your child for Sports Camp,
go to www.villagebible.org/sportscamp

were **you** a part of packing meals for Haiti? Did **you** enjoy serving in your own community, but impacting people across the world? **We** have 40 slots available to help pack meals with **Feed My Starving Children**. It's a smaller scale version of what we did as a church and a community.



The packing time is **May 8th** from **2:00 - 4:00 pm** and is open to people in third grade on up. You can **be a part of a team** serving in Aurora, but impacting children across the world. Please sign up online or or by emailing serve@villagebible.org

share **FEST**



serving **TOGETHER!**

Come join in serving the community at Share Fest 2010! We are going to be partnering with Aurora Christian School doing projects to serve all throughout our community...sharing the Love of Jesus through compassionate service! We'll be doing projects specifically geared toward serving elderly, widows, orphans, single-moms, etc. in our area.

Mark your calendars for
Friday and Saturday
May 21st and 22nd.

We'll need both your enthusiasm, and also ideas of who we should be serving, and a list of their potential needs. Please submit your ideas online at

villagebible.org/sharefest

This is going to be a huge outreach you don't want to miss!!

For more information visit
villagebible.org/sharefest



Ladies' Spring Luncheon & PIC Baby Shower
Saturday, May 15th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm,
at the Aurora/Grace Campus

Ladies of all ages, please join us for our annual spring luncheon.

This year's theme: **"Pregnancy Information Center (PIC) Baby Shower."**

Beverly Callison, CEO/President of the Aurora PIC, will be our guest speaker, helping us to understand the breadth of PIC's ministry and ways in which we can assist. Each lady is asked to bring a salad to share and a baby shower gift.

Suggested gift items include: wipes, towels and washcloths, diapers - size 3 and up through pull-ups, blankets, newborn gowns, onesies and sleepers (newborn, 3-6 mos., 6-9 mos.), and shoes. Gently used items are acceptable.

Please sign up online, in your friendship registry or at the welcome center.



SUPPER CLUB



Need some
time to chat
with some fabulous ladies?

**Thursday, May 13
at 6:30 pm**

at the home of Wendy Peck's
(25371 Harter Road, Elburn)

RSVP and find out what to bring
(Mexican theme)
by emailing Wendy Peck at
supper@villagebible.org or
calling (630) 557-0034.

Calling ALL men!!!

DISCIPLESHIP is an adventure that we are in together. Have you caught the VISION that our men's ministry is all about? We are serious about helping men find their place in serving the Lord, and serving one another. It's a great place to meet other guys in the church who want to put the Lord first in their lives, and get fired up about leading our families spirit-ually! We are calling each and every man to RISE UP and answer the call of God. Along with breakfast we'll enjoy a time of worship and prayer for our families and community.

(\$5 suggested donation)

prayer &
fellowship



Men's
BREAKFAST

MAY 15

Sugar Grove Campus
7:30 - 9:00 AM

&

MAY 22

Aurora/Grace Campus
7:30 - 9:00 AM

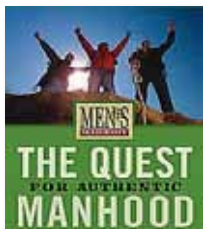
Please RSVP online, if you are able, at villagebible.org/men



And, as Christians, we have been *given spiritual gifts* to accomplish His will in the Body of Christ. We are all on life's journey, and PLACE is designed to help you discover the particular person God made you to be with your distinct personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, and life experiences. By understanding this, you will find your "place" in serving and honoring God with your life.

IT'S EASY TO START! Go to www.villagebible.org/place for the next step!

SMALL GROUPS: MEN'S GROUPS



Sunday, 6:00 pm @ S. G.



Thursday, 7:00 pm @ S. G.



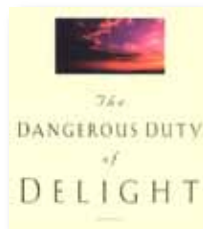
Saturday, 7:00 am @ S. G.



Friday, 6:00 am @ YORKVILLE



Thursday, 6:00 am @ AURORA



Wednesday, 9:30 am @ S. G.

The sun is shining and
the **COURSE** is

CALLING!

Consider being a part of Village Bible golf this summer! This is not a league requiring expertise, but is an opportunity to fellowship with **BROTHERS & SISTERS** and invite our friends to be a part of the VBC community!

We will start up our golf season **Wednesday, June 2nd** and will play each Wednesday starting at 5:30pm and play through August. We enjoy 9 holes of golf at Bliss Creek Golf Club (Hankes Road, Sugar Grove) and each week is only \$17. If you are interested in joining please contact Ryan Aseltine by sending an email to: golf@villagebible.org.



We look forward to seeing you on the course!

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY
TO GET TO KNOW OTHER PEOPLE FROM VBC?**



SOFTBALL

IT'S TIME TO JOIN A TEAM.

We're looking for some more players for the **Tuesday night softball team**. Be a part of the VBC team and compete against other church teams in the area. Games are played **at Crossroads** in Big Rock and are either 6 & 7 pm or 8 & 9 pm. We need both men and women to join our **co-ed team**. It's a fun way to get some exercise and also to meet people in the church. Anyone over 18 is welcome to join the team. For more information or to sign up contact Bryan Leaderhouse at **softball@villagebible.org**



People living with MS overcome challenges everyday: to walk, to have energy to go to the store, to have the will power not to give up. We have two people in our church who have MS - Jill Medlin and Chris Branning. That is one of the reasons we want to support the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by fundraising to support research, local programs and give hope to the 20,000 families in Illinois touched by MS.

Join the **Village Bikers** and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter for Bike MS. On **Saturday, June 12, Tour de Farms** will start in DeKalb and take you through-out Illinois' most scenic farmlands. You'll have the option of riding the 35-mile route, the 75-mile route or tackling the 100-mile Century Loop. Co-ed event for anyone over 18 is welcome to join the team.

By taking on the challenge, you'll become part of a powerful movement that will move us closer to a world free of Multiple Sclerosis.



For more information, contact Rob Butts (bike@villagebible.org). To join the team or to give towards their efforts, go to www.villagebible.org/msbike.



of Village Bible Church



This year we'll be planning rides from May through October. We will have rides for all different levels, from beginner to advanced. We'll also be scheduling rides during different times of the week (usually Saturday early am, and Tuesday after work), so as many people as are able can participate. We'll even have a few family rides, as well. Get a weekly summary of upcoming rides, and choose the ones that are right for you.

Why not work on your physical health, while getting some spiritual encouragement as well!!!

If you'd like more information or are interested in participating in this Men's Ministry, please contact our bike coordinator, Rob Butts, at (830) 389-3117 or bike@villagebible.org.

Guys, are you ready for some great times outdoors this spring and summer?

You and your family are invited to attend
The Class of 2010 Baccalaureate

Tuesday, May 25, 2010
At seven in the evening
Kaneland High School Auditorium
(Graduates please arrive with your cap and
gowns by 6:30 pm)

Senior slide show
Student testimonies
Special Music

Sponsored by:
Christ Community Church
Lord of Life Church
Village Bible Church



Saturdays @ "The Loft"

FOR MORE INFO:
www.villagebible.org/theloft
(check it out!)

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 7-10pm
@ Sugar Grove campus

A great place for high school students to hang out with friends. Play pool, video games, football, air hockey, ping pong, or just chill!



Psalm 4:8 *...for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety*



help the student ministries...

RAISE FUNDS



3 different opportunities!



1

Ugly Mugg Coffee and bake sale

- We will be selling and taking orders for high quality coffee, tea and hot chocolate on Sunday, April 18 and Sunday, April 25 in the foyer (Sugar Grove campus only)

Village Bible Church Cookbook

- Contribute your favorite recipes for the Church Family Cookbook. Make sure you pick up a recipe in the welcome center.
- Recipes are due Sunday, May 9, 2010.
Cookbooks will then be available for sale this Summer.

2



3

Pork Chop & Chicken Combo Dinner

- 5 B's pork chop and chicken combo dinner fundraiser at the Sugar Grove Campus, on Wednesday, May 5 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Cost - \$9 per meal
Children's hot dog combo dinner - \$ 4 per meal

all proceeds will benefit the student ministry's ...

SUMMER CAMP AND MISSION TRIPS

May Stewardship Focus: Possessions

Many people see material possessions as a means for acquiring personal happiness and contentment. Like the rich fool of Luke 12, they hoard their possessions in hopes of gaining security or “the easy life.” The New Testament’s teaching on possessions, however, proves these materialistic views to be not only wrong but also foolish. Here are three key principles from the gospel of Luke:

1) **Possessions are a means of investing in eternity.** God calls us to pursue “true wealth” (Luke 16:9-13) rather than focusing on earthly treasure or material needs; after all, we are merely stewards, not owners of what we have in this life. Jesus exhorts us to be “rich toward God” (Luke 12) rather than rich toward those who will benefit us, or rich toward ourselves - being generous to the poor.

2) **Possessions are a barometer of kingdom commitment.** The way we use our possessions after exposure to the gospel is a sure-fire indicator of whether we have responded appropriately to the good news of the kingdom or whether the kingdom has passed us by (Luke 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21!)



3) **Possessions are a danger.** Wealth itself is not evil but because of sin, one cannot remain passive or neutral about it. Wealth masters if it is not mastered. Luke 19:11-27 reminds us that we will be judged on the basis of how we use the things with which we’ve been entrusted.

According to Jesus, Luke, and the rest of the biblical writers, Christian discipleship requires diligent teaching, thoughtful study, and radical commitment on matters of possessions. This is particularly necessary for those living in the wealthiest societies in human history. - *Generous Giving*

You can make an online one-time or recurring contribution from your checking or savings account. This is a great method as it saves you and the church time and solves the problem of forgetting to bring a check to church or forgetting to put it in the offering box! Go to www.villagebible.org/give



just in... DVDs

Ready for a good movie that does more than entertain? We have movies that entertain, but also educate and inspire! Here's a taste of what's in the VBC Sugar Grove Campus library.....but stop in and look for yourself, because there's SO much more!



When his wealthy grandfather dies, trust fund baby Jason Stevens anticipates a big inheritance. Instead, his grandfather has devised a crash course on life with twelve tasks – or “gifts” – designed to challenge Jason in improbable ways, sending him on a journey of self-discovery and forcing him to determine what is most important in life: money or happiness.

If you are a fan of Janette Oke's Love Comes Softly series, you'll enjoy these movies. Follow the saga of the Davis family as they find love and build strong families on the American Prairies. These classic tales contain messages of hope for all ages.



Welcome to the city of Auto! Enjoy watching the cars if this city learn valuable lessons, teaching children and adults alike about being trustworthy, being helpful, following through, and discovering talent.

So grab some family or a friend and a bowl of popcorn and enjoy!



DVDs can be checked out Sunday mornings or from 10-4 during the week with the help of a librarian. They are due back one week from check-out.

Kendra Cervantes



Kendra is a long time attendee and member of our Aurora/Grace campus. She has been preparing to serve God as a missionary - initially in

mission field because it looks good, is a noble position, there is a lot of adventure, or am I am going because there are people who need to know about the life, death and resurrection of Christ? Let me tell you, it is a scary thing to sit in silence and soul search! But **God was faithful** to teach me things at CIT that I could have never learned anywhere else. He is shaping me into His servant more and more every day. I desire to see **HIS name glorified on this earth!**

Uruguay and possibly then in Spain. Kendra will be heading to the mission field as soon as the final portion of her support is raised - hopefully early this summer.

Do you ever have one of those moments where you stop dead in your tracks, look around and think... how did I get here? Well, I have found myself thinking that a lot lately. I see the decisions I made, both good and bad, and wonder why God chose me to do this job. **I thank Him** for his ability to gently lead and guide me, and I rest in the peace that I cannot thwart the plans of God. It is no accident that He has brought me to where I am today.

I recently returned from the **Center for Intercultural Training**, or what I like to call “missionary boot-camp”. While I was there I was challenged, pushed, stretched and guided by experienced missionaries. We went through 5 different courses in 9 1/2 weeks! I was in class from 8:30pm-3:30pm, 5 days a week.

Each day my **heart and mind were touched** to the core as I evaluated areas of my life such as pride and fear. I also searched deep within to the motivation for why I am doing this. Am I going to the



Each and every day the Lord continues to affirm my journey by answering prayer. Prayer for safety, health, courage, clarity, financial provisions, etc. There is nothing more encouraging than to have people from every age of life lifting me up in prayer, of this I often feel unworthy!

As I step out into the final stages of support raising and field entry I thank my God for you and for all of your **encouragement**. Please join with me in praying for the lost souls in Uruguay and beyond.



calendar

May 1: Outreach: PIC Walk for Life (Yorkville)
May 6: National Day of Prayer: Prayer Walk (Aurora)
May 6: National Day of Prayer: Prayer Service (Sugar Grove)
May 8: Outreach: Feed My Starving Children (Aurora)
May 13: Women's Supper Club (Elburn)
May 15: Ladies' Spring Luncheon & PIC Baby Shower (Aurora)
May 15: Men's Breakfast (Sugar Grove)
May 16: Students: Senior Banquet (Montgomery)
May 21-22 ShareFest (Aurora)
May 22: Men's Breakfast (Aurora)
May 31: Memorial Day Picnic (Waterman)
June 4-14: Mission Trip: China
June 5-11: Summer Family Camp (Silver Birch Ranch, Wisconsin)
June 12: Service: MS Tour De Farms Bike Ride (DeKalb)
June 14-16: Basketball & Volleyball Camp (Sugar Grove)
June 18-29: Mission Trip: Alaska
June 20-26: Summer Student Camp (Lake Ann Camp, Michigan)
June 21-25: Vacation Bible School (Aurora)
June 27: Community Picnic & Theater in the Park (Sugar Grove)
June 27-July 2: Mission Trip: Aliens/Jr. High - Chicago
June 28: Community Picnic & Theater in the Park (Indian Creek)
July 1-15: Mission Trip: Uganda
July 13-15: Vacation Bible School (Indian Creek)
July 23-25: Mission Trip: Chicago
Sept 18: Living Proof Women's Conference
Aug. 2-6: Vacation Bible School (Sugar Grove)

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm: Softball (Big Rock)
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm: Youth Group (Sugar Grove)
Wednesdays, 5:30 pm: Golf (Sugar Grove)
Saturday mornings: Men's Bike Ride
Saturdays, 7-10 pm: Student Ministry - The Loft (Sugar Grove)
Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm: Youth Group (Aurora)
M, T, W, R, F, S, S: Small Groups

Upcoming Membership Class: June 13, 12:45, @ Sugar Grove Campus, room 101

Upcoming Baptism Class: June 13, 4:00 pm, @ Sugar Grove Campus, room 100

Please RSVP: rsvp@villagebible.org

one-time events

recurring events

student ministries

Our Spring Sermon Series

LIVING IN THE *Light*

An in depth study of

1 John